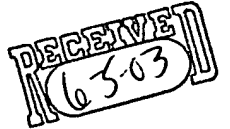


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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, and follows an interview with the Examiner conducted May 20, 2003 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the following text of the Abstract which appears on page 24, lines 2-3 and reads "which is scalable and comprehends various storage media as well as diverse operating systems on a plurality of client devices."

Please delete the following text of the Abstract which appears on page 24, lines 13-17 and reads "(SAN) to provide for the computing devices for both file storage and backup functions through a network, such as a Local Area Network (LAN). Computing devices may be different types of machines running different operating systems and the backup media may also be diverse. The SAN acts as a virtual media device for centralizing a network file system for the computing devices proving for shared data as well as transparent storage for each computing device."